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Elba Police find missing vehicle inside vacant building

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba Police last week located a missing vehicle

that went missing from the Cook Chevrolet lot in mid-July. Elba Police Lt. Russ

Young said the privately-owned vehicle had been towed to Cook Chevrolet for mechanical repairs in July, and it allegedly went missing from the lot a short time later. Young said the missing vehicle was reported to Elba Police in August.

On Wednesday, Nov. 17, the police department received a call reporting a potential 'break-in' of the old Elba Middle School building. Lt. Young said further investigation of the building revealed a vehicle matching the description of the one that went missing from the Cook Chevrolet lot in July.

"It appeared someone had been working on the vehicle trying to get it running again," Young said.

Elba Police are asking that anyone with information that could help locate the person responsible for taking this vehicle from the Cook Chevrolet parking lot contact the department at (334) 897-2555.



This vehicle found last week inside the vacated building once the Elba Middle School was determined to be the vehicle reported missing to Elba Police in August from the Cook Chevrolet parking lot. The vehicle was on site there for repairs at the time it went missing, according to police.

During regular monthly meeting

Elba BOE approves handful of personnel matters

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Board of Education met Tuesday night, Nov. 16, for its regular monthly meeting, and a handful of personnel matters were approved by the board.

Two resignations were approved. These included William Moguel, Elba High School ISS aide, and Darlene Burrow, Elba Elementary School aide.

Three hires recommended to the board and approved included: Kaye Whitworth to be the new Elba High School secretary, Linda Tillis to be the new Elba Elementary School secretary, and Theresa Carr to be a bus driver for Elba City Schools.

Superintendent Chris Moseley noted that Carr had experience as a bus driver. He said she had been driving for the Coffee County School System but was leaving there to come and drive for Elba City Schools.

Also, during the meeting, the board approved the execution of a new contract with the system's Chief Financial Officer, Valiece McKelvy. The approval of this contract was unanimous vote by all members present.

The board approved some policy changes, recommended by the school nurse. These included the addition of a new sunscreen policy, and changes to administration of medication, student injury/student illness, and AED use.

Moseley advised board members on some positive things that had been going on for students. He said two seniors, Collin Sauls and Peyton McCard, signed golf scholarships with Enterprise State Community College earlier in the day last Tuesday. Also, he said senior football player Chrystyle Caldwell had been invited to play in the North/South All-Star game for the state on Dec. 17th in Mobile, Ala.

Moseley said he was very

NOTICE:

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25, in observance of Thanksgiving.

proud of these student-athletes and their accomplishments.

Elba City Schools has been on holiday this week for Thanksgiving, but Moseley said there would be plenty happening once students return. On Tuesday, Dec. 7, a band concert will be held at the high school [including the elementary school band], and on

Thursday, Dec. 9, he said there will be a Show Choir concert that will include students in grades 3rd - 6th.

The superintendent said often there is no need for a meeting in December; however, he said he felt like there could be a need for a meeting this year whether it be a called meeting or the regular meeting. He said he would update later on that.



REMNANTS OF A FIRE FOUND IN TIGERTOWN PARK BATHROOMS...The Elba Fire Department was dispatched Monday morning, Nov. 22, to the bathrooms at Tiger Town Park where a potential fire was reported. Upon arrival on scene, officials discovered the fire had taken place previously and already been extinguished; however, the damage caused was evident. There was evidence of fire in both bathrooms, but the damage was far worse in one [as pictured above]. Each appeared to have been started on the baby changing station inside the bathroom. Reports have been filed on the incident, and the bathrooms have been closed at this time.

Area Happenings

THE ELBA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK, located in the community building at Elba Church of Christ, will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25, for Thanksgiving.

CITY OF ELBA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED Thursday, Nov. 25, and Friday, Nov. 26, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The city's residential garbage pickup will run as normal during this time. For any utilities emergency during this time, contact the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555.

THE ELBA CITY COUNCIL will meet Monday, Nov. 29, at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers at Elba City Hall. The Elba Water and Electric Board will conduct its monthly meeting following the Elba City Council meeting on this date.



VEHICLE CRASHES INTO EVERGREEN CEMETERY FENCE...A vehicle crashed Saturday morning, Nov. 20, into the fence of Evergreen Cemetery after leaving the roadway on Claxton Avenue in Elba. Residents in the area said they heard a loud noise and upon looking outside saw the vehicle off the roadway and eventually coming to a stop when it crashed into the fence (as shown above). This occurred around 8 a.m. Saturday morning. The occupants of the vehicle did not appear to have any life-threatening injuries, according to reports. The cause of the accident remained under investigation as of press time this week.

Coffee County Commission adopts redistricting plan

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission adopted its redistricting plan Monday morning, Nov. 22, during the regular meeting for the commission.

Prior to the vote on the proposed redistricting plan, commissioners held a public hearing to allow comment on the matter. No one was in attendance to speak.

Environmental Services

Coffee County's residential garbage pickup for Thursday will move to Friday this week

manager Mike Thornton reminded citizens that Thursday's garbage pickup [Nov. 25th] would be shifted to Friday, Nov. 26, due to Thanksgiving.

Also, Thornton said there would be no shift in residential pickup this year for

the Christmas and New Year's holidays due to the way they fall.

Upon request of county engineer Marty Lentz, commissioners approved a hauling bid for crushed stone. This bid was awarded to Foshee Trucking at \$19.50 per ton.

The next regular meeting for the Coffee County Commission is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 13, at 9 a.m. in New Brockton.

Holiday Traditions...

What are your favorites?



by Reannon Odore, ZC 11th grade student

With the fall and winter holiday fast approaching, the "Rebel News Staff" thought it would be fun to ask several Zion Chapel students and employees about their favorite holidays, their favorite holiday foods, and more.

Those interviewed included: Coach Kennedy Logan, Emma Killingworth, Coach Randy Bryant, Maddison Bassett, Tyler Logan, Jacob Durga, Angie Davis, Lee Boutwell, Lori Hilburn, Ashley Kilpatrick, and Christie Trawick.

"What's your favorite Thanksgiving food?"

Six out of the 11 people said dressing, while the other answers consisted of sweet potato casserole, ham, and turkey.

"What's your favorite holiday?" Six out of the 11 people said Christmas. The others answered Thanksgiving, New Years, and the Fourth of July.

"What's your favorite family tradition?"

Coach Logan said her favorite tradition would have to be starting her Christmas tree from scratch every year. She said her family puts all the old ornaments in a box and makes new ones to put on the tree every single year.

Emma Killingworth's favorite tradition is going to her grandma's house every year during Christmas because her grandmother hides their stockings and they

have to find them.

Mrs. Davis' favorite family tradition is reading the Christmas story from Luke 2 every year before opening gifts.

Mrs. Kilpatrick said her favorite family tradition would have to be watching Christmas movies with her family every year.

Mrs. Trawick's favorite family tradition is going to evening Christmas church service with her family.

"What are you most grateful for?"

Six out of 11 people said their family. Mr. Logan answered, "the opportunity of being able to teach and share my passion with students."

Mrs. Hilburn said, "salvation."

A few others said their children, and we had one (who shall remain unnamed) say he is most grateful for his truck.

"When do you open Christmas gifts? On Christmas Day or Christmas Eve?"

Seven out of 11 people answered Christmas Day. Three out of the 11 people answered both.

Coach Logan answered with "a week before" because her family takes a Christmas trip every year.

For more news from Zion Chapel School, see Page 9 of today's paper for this month's edition of the Rebel News Page. This page is featured once per month in The Elba Clipper with stories submitted by Zion Chapel students under the leadership of teacher Ashley Storey.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery while on a detour." — Unknown

The Italian auto maker Ferrari has just announced a new limited edition muscle car, "you read this as a muscle car." It is something with an 829 horsepower V12 engine that will go from zero to 100 in under three (3) seconds! Of course, there will only be a few hundred of these monsters built. No sweat, we know of not a single public highway in the world where they can legally max out to the 211 miles per hour top speed. The German Autobahn has no official speed limit, just some wording like 'safely'. If you have a bit over two million dollars to squander, you might be 'lucky' enough to snag one of these collector items. Delivery is scheduled to begin late next year. Please don't ask us to help pay the annual insurance premium on this death trap!!!

Just when we think that 'politically correct' language has reached it breaking point, something new pops up. Now we read that a state board in Colorado is considering dropping the term 'Sex Offender' because it is "offensive". They quote an individual who is in fact a convicted offender and claims it is "inappropriate and downright offensive." Speaking out against such a change was a woman who is a rape survivor. She notes that the actions of sex offenders "are choices that sex offenders make" and not some affliction they can't control. Our response would be much stronger. However, a much milder response is, "A rose is a rose by any other name."

We finished the book on the first seven astronauts and 'they made it into space!' This book, while about the whole team that launched the era of outer space travel, was mostly a John Glenn story. He was one of the first seven, first to orbit earth, and later served in the U. S. Senate and again went into space as an old man to prove it could be done. It was enlightening to read that there was a lot of back biting, competition, etc. among the trailblazers, yet they sucked it up and supported (or in present day slang - had each other's back) the space project wholeheartedly.

To outsiders, things might seem quiet in Elba these days. However, that is not reality. We have of course written about the police department, critical shortage of certified patrol officers and right now only an 'acting' chief. Then there is the 'up in the air' planning issue for a permanent location of the Chamber of Commerce office following the fire that destroyed the Chamber's office. The only ideas aired publicly have resulted in heated debate in a City Council workshop and later the official meeting. Much harsher words have been reported outside the meetings. That matter ironically involves the City of Elba, plus two supposedly independent groups - Economic Redevelopment Authority and the Chamber of Commerce. The slow progress on the sewer system upgrade is causing a growing cadre of complaints about the torn-up roads, broken water lines, etc. Then please don't forget the local schools . . . fill in our own blanks here but there are some unique rumors and ideas floating around. There is apparently no instant cure for either of the above ills, but if either of the above issues "goes away", we can easily find a couple of replacements to keep the heated discussions going!

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AARP Alabama warns consumers about holiday shopping scams

Nearly 8,000 people call AARP's Fraud Watch Network helpline every month to report suspected scams, and a newly released AARP Fraud Watch Network Survey shows that calls related to holiday scams may be on the upswing soon.

"The holiday season is a time for togetherness, celebration, and giving," said AARP Alabama State Director Candi Williams. "Unfortunately, the gift-giving process, from purchasing the perfect gift to making sure it gets to the recipient, also brings multiple opportunities for scammers to enrich themselves."

Scammers deploy a number of tactics to steal during the holidays, ranging from online shopping scams, to scams involving the draining of gift cards, to package and shipping scams. The AARP study found that many consumers may be opening themselves up to risk as they shop this holiday season.

Here are some key findings from the survey:

76% of Alabamians have been targeted by or experienced at least one form of fraud in the past

76% of Alabamians will use their debit cards this

holiday season (*credit cards and digital wallets are safer online*)

64% of Alabamians plan to purchase gift cards as a holiday gift, and 58% rely on purchasing them off the rack (*a known target for scammers*)

54% intend to use peer-to-peer (P2P) apps like Venmo, Zelle or Cash App to send money, and 54% of P2P users have sent money to someone they didn't know well (*not recommended*)

39% of Alabamians reported receiving a request for a monetary donation to a charity that felt fake or fraudulent

37% of Alabamians have received a fake notification about a shipping issue (*which is separate from the equally important issue of packages still being stolen from porches*)

In addition, the research showed that online shopping, which became the shopping method of choice for many American consumers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, remains extremely popular, underscoring the need to know how to do so safely. Unfortunately, survey findings also show that many Alabamians don't know

how to do that, with most respondents failing related questions on a short quiz. For example, only 29% of adults in Alabama know that online retailers will not ask you for your login credentials to provide customer support, and only 38% know that using a credit card vs. a debit card online offers greater protections.

"Ultimately, the point

ADPH recommends following COVID-19

safety guidelines for Thanksgiving

Many people are busy making final plans for Thanksgiving and the upcoming holiday season. What's the recipe for a healthy and happy Thanksgiving holiday 2021?

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) suggests including the following components, with the main ingredient being COVID-19 vaccination for all eligible children, adolescents and adults age 5 and older. Booster shots are also recommended for groups of eligible people at least 2 weeks before holiday gatherings.

That's because the virus that causes COVID-19 transmits easily and can spread during shared meals and traditional holiday activities that may involve multiple generations. In addition to vaccinations, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends the following measures to minimize risk.

• Wear a mask when grocery shopping or in other public indoor settings or when serving food.

• Wash your hands before

here isn't to take the joy out of this time of year or take the fun out of gift-giving, but to help consumers be aware so they can protect themselves and their loved ones," said Williams. "This holiday season, serve your holiday cheer with a side of skepticism to help stay safe from increasingly sophisticated scammers."

eating or serving food.

• Outdoors is safer than indoors, weather permitting.

• Communicate in advance with guests about your COVID-19 ground rules and the precautions you're taking. Cancel plans if you are sick and stay away from others.

• Safe Travels. If possible, delay travel unless you are fully vaccinated. If you are traveling with unvaccinated family members, such as children who are not yet eligible to be vaccinated, take additional precautions. Avoid crowds, wear a mask, and get tested before and after your trip.

Last year an upsurge of COVID-19 cases was experienced following the holiday season. Even though cases, hospitalizations and deaths due to COVID-19 currently are far fewer than in the late summer peak, the course of the virus is unpredictable.

No single solution exists for all groups and families, and all risks cannot be eliminated. For some individuals

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, November 16, 2021, and Sunday, November 21, 2021, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Nov. 16 – Theft of property reported at 1023 Guyton St (5:57 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Neil Grantham Dr (10:47 a.m.); Assault reported at 1018 Martin Luther King Dr (4:18 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 189 – contact made and verbal warning given to driver (5:32 p.m.); Burglary reported at 702 Newton St (6:36 p.m.).

Wednesday, Nov. 17 – Domestic complaint reported at 1229 Caroline St (12:39 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1023 Guyton St (2:58 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 432 N Cordelia Ave –

with impound (11:12 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 837 Troy Hwy Lot 9 – with impound (2:37 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 720 Dixon St (2:58 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1150 N Claxton Ave (3:41 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 606 Simmons St (7:28 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1620 Boswell St (11:59 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a citation issued.

Thursday, Nov. 18 – Civil complaint reported at 889 Old Samson Rd (6:04 a.m.); Harassment reported at 638 N Claxton Ave (4:26 p.m.); Intoxicated person reported at 834 Washington Ave (5:25 p.m.); Structure fire reported at 418 Buford St (8:50 p.m.). There were two traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in one verbal warning and one report.

Friday, Nov. 19 – Harassment reported at 895 Old Samson Rd (7:10 a.m.); Drug activity reported at 529 N Claxton Ave – an arrest was made (2:50 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 656 Reynolds Ave (10:09 p.m.). There were five traffic stops on this date resulting in one citation and four verbal warnings.

Saturday, Nov. 20 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 1008 Collins St (6:15 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1150 N Claxton Ave (8:07 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 319 Old Samson Rd (2:42 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 221 E Davis St (10:02 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on N Claxton Ave (11:43 p.m.). There were three traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in two verbal warnings and one citation issued.

Sunday, Nov. 21 – Trespassing reported at 1235 Farris Ave (6:46 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1029 Caroline St (10:14 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 320 Old Samson Rd (1:54 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 N (4:28 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at Simmons St and Court Ave (7:02 p.m.).

Cuzin Lou Lou's
Tales from Yonder
Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Cuzin Lou Lou must give credit where credits is due...even if it pains her to admit it!

Last weekend Lou Lou was suddenly put down by some sort of stomach bug. It came on quickly but hung around too long to suit Lou Lou. This is where the credit due part comes into the tale.

The stomach bug sent Lou Lou to bed in complete misery. She does not do sick well at all.

Although Sister laid out some threats of "you better not make me sick with Thanksgiving coming up" she still was a champ in taking care of Lou Lou. On night one of the misery, Sister tried to get some nourishment to Lou Lou with chicken noodle soup and crackers accompanied by a Sprite. Unable to "stomach" more than a few bites and crackers, it was mostly a wasted meal, but it was the thought behind it that warmed Lou Lou's heart.

Day Two of dealing with

the stomach bug created by the devil himself, found Lou Lou moving from the bed to the recliner. However, there wasn't much movement beyond that. Again, Sister was close by to grab this or throw that away when Lou Lou asked.

Papa even got into take care mode by relinquishing a portion of his creamed potatoes at lunch for Lou Lou to try and get a little more food inside her system.

As Lou Lou relaxed on the recliner, she thought about how thankful she is for her Yonder gang! Sister, Papa, and Lou Lou all love to pick on each other daily, but when it comes down to it, they are always there for one another no matter what. That is the stuff thankfulness is made of whether it's at Thanksgiving or any other time of the year.

From Cuzin Lou Lou and the Yonder gang, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving filled with lots of love!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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ALEA offers Thanksgiving safety tips

This holiday season, travel experts are predicting pandemic numbers as millions of Americans prepare to reunite with their loved ones. In accordance with national travel forecasts, Troopers within the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division are expecting to see a significant increase in the volume of traffic on Alabama's roadways and will be working diligently to ensure everyone is able to gather around the table with friends and family this year.

"During the 2020 Thanksgiving holiday travel period, ALEA Troopers recorded nearly a 30 percent decrease in statewide traffic fatalities, which resulted in three fewer traffic-related deaths in 2020 as compared to 2019. Our Agency's mission is to save lives, therefore, our goal this Thanksgiving holiday travel period is to ensure that trend continues. Our Highway Patrol Division has developed a very specific and deliberate holiday enforcement plan that targets those areas in which historically, we have documented an elevated number of crashes. This initiative includes proactive patrols utilizing a variety of enforcement techniques along our major thoroughfares, specifically Interstates 10, 65 and 85," said ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor.

Recently, ALEA partnered with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) in their new campaign, "Not a Game," to promote work zone safety and inform drivers of recent changes to the state's construction zone law. Fines for any moving traffic violation committed in a construction zone where workers are present will now result in a \$250 fine or double the regular fine, whichever amount is greater. Double fines will now be given for dangerous driving behaviors such as speeding, tailgating, aggressive driving and distracted driving.

"It is our duty to not only enforce state laws but also educate and inform citizens so that everyone is fully aware of any changes and can make wise decisions while traveling. These laws are in place to protect everyone including the motoring public, construction zone workers, pedestrians and emergency first responders," said Secretary Taylor.

ALEA Troopers will be patrolling roadways, enforcing the law and assisting motorists. Additional shifts to prevent traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities are made possible with grant funding from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) and ALDOT.

"We are especially thankful this holiday for our Troopers and other law enforcement partners who will be sacrific-

AUM partnership to create new opportunities for ESCC students

Enterprise State Community College students can now take advantage of new opportunities with Auburn University at Montgomery that will help them save time and money as they pursue four-year degrees.

ESCC and AUM signed a partnership agreement on Wednesday, Nov. 10, that outlines concurrent enrollment and transfer scholarship opportunities for ESCC students.

"One of our missions at Enterprise State Community College is to offer our students every opportunity possible to go further in their education," Vice President/Dean of Instruction Danny Long said. "This agreement falls in line with that mission and allows our students who are planning to pursue a four-year degree to save both time and money. We are proud of this partnership with AUM and look forward to continuing to work with them in the future."

The concurrent enrollment program offers qualified students a seamless process for completing their associate and bachelor's degrees. All concurrent AUM courses will be taught live on the ESCC campus and/or AUM's campus and online while students com-

C.C. Conservation District announces monthly meeting

The Coffee County Conservation District will hold its monthly board meeting Monday, Dec. 13, at 701 N. Main Street, Enterprise, Ala.

The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. There is a limited number of people that can be in the room so if planning to attend, call 334-894-5581X3.

ing part of their holiday and time with loved ones to patrol Alabama roads and keep all of our citizens and visitors safe," said Secretary Taylor. "On behalf of the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, I would like to wish everyone a happy, safe and peaceful holiday season."

Additionally, ALEA offers the following safety tips and reminders for citizens this Thanksgiving holiday:

- On multi-lane roadways, use the left lane for passing only. Not only is it courteous driving and avoids impeding traffic, but Alabama law also requires slower traffic to keep to the right and to only use the left lane for passing (when posted). Motorists can drive for a mile and half in the left lane before needing to move back over.

- Alabama's seat belt/child restraint law requires ALL passengers – no matter how old or which seat they are occupying – to be buckled up.

- Do not drink and drive. Make alternate travel plans if you are consuming alcohol. Individuals under the age of 21 are prohibited from consuming alcohol and it is illegal for anyone to have an open bottle of alcohol in a vehicle.

- Avoid driving distracted. Distractions include texting, utilizing a cell phone or smartphone, talking to passengers, watching videos, playing mobile games, adjusting the radio, navigation system or other devices. Distractions endanger drivers, passengers and bystander safety. Alabama law prohibits texting while driving as well as searching the Internet on a mobile device while operating a motor vehicle.

- Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.

- Don't drive fatigued – allow plenty of time to reach your destination.

- Monitor weather and road conditions wherever you are traveling. For road conditions/closings in Alabama, visit www.alea.gov/weather-advisories.

- Stay alert when shopping and driving through crowded parking lots. Stay vigilant and park in well-lit areas when shopping at night. Citizens should lock their vehicles and remove any valuables, including money or wallets from plain sight. Slow down in congested parking lots and stay alert for shoppers and pedestrians.

- Move over when approaching emergency or tow vehicles. Alabama's Move Over Law requires motorists to move over or slow down to 15 mph or less than the posted speed limit if you are not able to change lanes.

Fine Arts Christmas showcase returning to ESCC campus

Enterprise State Community College's Fine Arts Student Art Exhibit and Christmas Concert is returning to the ESCC campus this year, just in time for the start of the holiday season.

The annual event highlights the visual and musical talents of ESCC fine arts students. Last year, the event was presented virtually as a prerecorded concert and art show. This year, the community is invited to attend the event in person on Thursday, Dec. 2, to meet with student artists and watch student musical performances.

"We are pleased to welcome the community back to our campus for our annual in-person Student Arts Exhibit and Christmas Concert," ESCC Fine Arts Division Chair Dr. Ken Thomas said. "The interaction between our students and their audiences is contagious. The energy that is shared cannot be replicated. I am always encouraged by the conversations that are shared with our students and guests."

The event will start at 5:30 p.m. with the Student Art Exhibit, located in the

Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: www.elba-clipper.com

ROBERT ALLEN DEVAUGHAN

Mr. Robert Allen DeVaughan, age 68, died Friday, Nov. 19, 2021, at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.



He was born to Robert Wiley and Mildred DeVaughan on the family farm near New Brockton, Ala.

No funeral services are planned. Disposition will be carried out by means of cremation. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is serving the DeVaughan family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother,

Ronald DeVaughan; and his sister-in-law, Linda DeVaughan.

Survivors include his wife: Louise DeVaughan; his daughter: Bonnie DeVaughan; his sister: Jennifer Campbell, and his brother-in-law: Bo Campbell. He was "Uncle Bob" to many loving nieces and nephews.

ADINA BROWN

Adina Brown, age 46, of New Brockton, Ala., died Monday, November 22, 2021, at Southeast Health in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral arrangements will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba.

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als, families or groups with vulnerable seniors, or members with chronic health conditions, staying home and hosting virtual gatherings may be advisable again this year. Be considerate of others, especially the immunocompromised and young children, in planning your holiday celebrations. Other suggestions for careful hosts include letting guests know what is expected before they arrive

so there are no surprises, asking everyone attending to get a flu shot in advance, and insisting that people who show symptoms of illness stay home.

Your efforts can help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Effective and consistent safety measures should allow everyone to enjoy the holiday festivities by lowering the risk of contracting and transmitting COVID-19 and its severe outcomes.

gallery of Forrester Hall. This visual arts exhibit will showcase how students utilize the artistic process through various forms of media to create diverse and personal pieces of art. The Christmas Concert will follow at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Multipurpose Room.

This year, the concert will feature performances by the Community Choir and the ESCC Concert Choir, the ESCC Instrumental Ensemble and the ESCC Jazz/Show Band. Musical pieces performed by these groups will include: "O Clap Your Hands," "Candlelight Carol," "Ezekiel Sa de Wheel," "Hallelujah (from Messiah)," "Someone To Watch Over Me," "The Three Banditos," "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (from Cantata 147)," "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Veni, veni, Emmanuel)," "There's No Place Like Home For the Holidays" and "Boogie Woogie Santa Claus." The

event will also feature an organ and piano duet performed by Dr. Jean Johnson and Carol Windham titled "Three Festive Carols" and a solo vocal performance by ESCC student Laura Davis.

"I am so proud of the work our students and community members have put into preparing for this event. It is an honor for me to work with them," Thomas said. "We have a diverse program planned and there is something for everyone to enjoy. We look forward to having you join us as we kick-off the Christmas Season. You don't want to miss the work of these talented artists and musicians!"

NOTICE:

The Evergreen Cemetery Board will meet Thursday, Dec. 2, at 6 p.m., at Elba City Hall.

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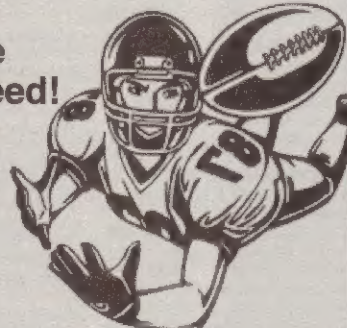
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If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayeshf@hayesfuneralhome.net

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Ken Wilson, Pastor
Westside Baptist Church
1026 Caroline Street, Elba, Alabama

Alex Haley, the author of "Roots," had an unusual picture hanging on his office wall. It was a picture of a turtle on top of a fence post.

When asked, "Why is that there?" Alex Haley answered, "Every time I write something significant, every time I read my words and think that they are wonderful, and begin to feel proud of myself, I look at the turtle on top of the fence post and remember that he didn't get there on his own. He had help."

That is the basis for giving thanks. We must remember that we got here with the help of God, and He is the provider of every blessing we have. In fact, we are told in the Bible that not only should we be thankful but that it is God's will for us.


"give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

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Job Fair set for Dec. 2nd in Elba

The Elba Chamber of Commerce, along with the Coffee County Extension Office, Coffee County Commission, and Southeast Alabama Works will host a job fair Thursday, Dec. 2, in Elba.

Businesses are invited to register for the Elba Job Fair, which will be held from 2-5 p.m. that day at the Elba Theatre [231 Court Ave, Elba]. There is no charge to participate.

Space is limited so early registration is recommended. There will be limited electrical outlets also.

Each company is limited to one booth consisting of one table and two chairs. CDC COVID protocols will be followed for businesses and the public.

To register to participate in the job fair, contact Sandy Bynum Williams at the Elba Chamber of Commerce by calling (334) 897-3125 or email: elba-chamber@troyable.net.

This job fair is open to the public!

Troy University presents Sounds of Season performance & more

Troy University's College of Communication and Fine Arts presents its annual Sounds of the Season holiday celebration on Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. in Claudia Crosby Theater. The annual lighting of the Christmas tree and a welcome reception will kick off the evening at 6 p.m. in front of Smith Hall.

This year's show, titled "Traditions Old and New," features students and faculty from across the CCFA. Audiences will enjoy performances from the John M. Long School of Music and Department of Theatre and Dance and contributions from the Department of Art and Design and Creative Writing in the Department of English, plus a few surprises from friends near and far.

"The evening will be full of the sights and sounds of the holiday season, the traditional songs, dances and stories we've come to associate with this time of year," said Tori Lee Averett, Assistant Dean of the College of Communication and Fine Arts. "Through a variety of shared holiday cards, each representing a different performance, the CCFA offers traditions old and new this Christmas season from Troy University to all our extended Trojan family

through this integrated and collaborative presentation." The Christmas tree lighting ceremony is hosted by the Student Government Association. Immediately following the ceremony is a reception of hot chocolate and cookies hosted by Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr. and Mrs. Janice Hawkins.

The celebration is offered as a special gift to the Troy community and is free and open to the public. No tickets are required.

For more information, contact the College of Communication and Fine Arts at 334-670-3869.

NOTICE:

Anyone age 60 or over needing a meal, or for questions about the Elba Senior Center or SARCOA, call the center at (334) 897-3019.

Round and About With Eria's Daughter



Scripture: The Lord the Avenger of His people. [Psalm 35: 1-28]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Bernice Culver, Corene Wilkerson, Anthony C. Kelley, Vincent Smith, Brittany Woodfolk Gillian, Dwight Belcher, Betty Moore, Beatrice Belcher, Shirley Coleman, the late John Folmer Family

December Birthdays / Anniversaries

Debbie W. Bright 12/21
Min. Pam Mitchell 12/21
Grover Belcher 12/23 (in memory)
Tamarah Samuel 12/24
Quran Lamortis Warren 12/24
Shane Warren 12/24
Sean Warren 12/24
Arianna E. Kelley 12/25
Shane Williams 12/25
Kenneth Daniels 12/25 (in memory)
Jordan Douglas 12/27
Jerry and Dianne Culver 12/27 W.A.
Danny and Janis Cole 12/27 W.A.
Mary S. Dawson 12/27

Holiday Humility

Thanksgiving was just around the corner when my sister blew apart my holiday spirit: she had invited her best friend. This was someone with whom I had been feuding for decades, fueled by harsh words and emotional wounds. I felt incredibly disrespected that this woman was invited. I cried out to the Lord to help me face this ordeal. When I finished voicing my frustration and pain, I felt oddly renewed, as if I had sloughed off something dead. I still dreaded the upcoming holiday, but I knew what God wanted me to do: I needed to love her with a pure heart.

We said our first hellos with wary politeness, but two days later as she was leaving for the airport, we

hugged and wished each other well. When we see people in the way God sees them, it allows us to love them with an otherwise impossible love. Who is God calling you to love? — P.L.M. Happy Thanksgiving

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 11/25/21

Q: A prophet is not without honor, except in his own

A: Country [Mark 6:4]

Q: The tongue is like _____ that can set someone's life ablaze.

A: Fire [James 3:6]

Q: A tongue used to bless God should not also _____ the people He made.

A: Curse [James 3: 9,10]

Thought to Remember

Keep the Commandments of the Lord Your God ■ Deuteronomy 4:2

Questions for the Week of 12/21

Multiple Choice

Q: What kind of faith did Jesus say that the disciples had? (average) (little) (great)

Q: Jesus said that the woman was made whole because of her what? (love) (boldness) (faith)

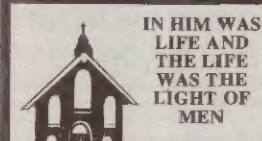
Today is a good day! Be grateful

Eria's Daughter, Sue New Hope Senior Center taking apps for new participants

New Hope Senior Citizens Center is looking for a "Few Good Men and Women" to become a part of the senior center family! The center is taking applications for new participants.

For more information, contact center director Conzuella Banks at (334) 735-5433.

Church Directory



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ABUNDANT GRACE CHURCH

Rocky Pearce, Pastor

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Deborah A. Butler, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Greg Cotter, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Remonia Smith, Pastor

Church Service... 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

Cornerstone Bible Church

Larry Mills, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Paul Jackson, Pastor

Sunday Fellowship... 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal" ... 5:30 p.m.

Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Discipleship Training... 5:00 p.m.

Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Phillip Box, Minister

Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

David Noble, Pastor

Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.

Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.

Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE

Allen Richards, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Kit Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor

Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Shirley Ellis, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.

Wed. Even. Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Even. Service... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Philip Adeock, Pastor

Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON

Danny Bradshaw, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Scott Donaldson, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH

Edward E. Drake, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH

Overseers - Billy Berry

Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.

Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP

John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

GREATHER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH

W. K. Ellison, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor

Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

J. R. Parks, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DAWSON JASPER FARRIS, Deceased.

CASE NO: PC-21-091

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted the 4th day of November, 2021, to Jan Oglesby Wicker Co-Executrix and William Jason Farris Co-Executor of the Estate of Dawson Jasper Farris, deceased, who departed this life on the 21st day of September, 2021, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jan Oglesby signature Jan Oglesby Wicker Co-Executrix of the Estate of Dawson Jasper Farris, Deceased

/s/ William Jason Farris signature William Jason Farris Co-Executor of the Estate of Dawson Jasper Farris, Deceased

11/11,18&25-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DEBORA JUANITA HATAWAY, DECEASED.

CLAY CRAIG, PETITIONER.

Case No. PC 2021-092

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
 Letters Testamentary on the Estate of **Debora Juanita Hataway**, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 4th day of November, 2021, by Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, the Judge of the Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Clay Craig Clay Craig Personal Representative

11/11,18&25-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

ELLIS JEROME WISE, DECEASED

DOCKET NO. PC 2021-094

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to **FAYOMIA A. WISE**, Administrator, on the 9th day of November, 2021, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Fayomia A. Wise Fayomia A. Wise Administrator

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson Jodee R. Thompson Judge of Probate

11/18,25&12/2-pd.

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

11/25/2021
 Coffee County Commission 1065 East McKinnon Street 2 County Complex New Brockton, AL 36351 (334) 894-5556

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Coffee County Commission.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 12/13/2021 the Coffee County Commission will submit a request to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) for the release of CDBG-CV funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383), to undertake a project known as Coffee County CDBG-CV Project for the purpose of construction of a new Emergency Operations Center in New Brockton, Alabama estimated to cost \$770,000. These funds are needed on an emergency basis due to the declared COVID-19 emergency made on March 13, 2020.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Coffee County Commission has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on

file at Coffee County Commission Office and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 AM to 4 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

For this declared emergency the Public Comment Period and the Objection to Release of Funds Comment Period have been combined into one fifteen-day (15-day) comment period. Therefore, any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the ramstrong@searpc.org. All comments received by 12/10/2021 will be considered by the Coffee County Commission. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Coffee County Commission certifies to ADECA that Dean Smith in their capacity as Chairman consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. ADECA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Coffee County Commission to use Program Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

ADECA will accept objections to its release of funds and the Coffee County Commission certification for a period of 15-days indicated above, only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or the Coffee County Commission; (b) the Coffee County Commission has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR part 58 before approval of a Release of Funds by ADECA; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the State at: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Community and Economic Development Division, PO Box 5690, Montgomery, AL 36103 or at the email address christopher.perkins@adeca.alabama.gov. Potential objectors should contact ADECA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Dean Smith, Chairman
 11/25/1t chg

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE VACATION OF A PORTION COFFEE COUNTY ROAD 411

The Coffee County Commission has received a written petition from the abutting landowners of a portion of Coffee County Road 411 requesting the vacation of said road. Pursuit to Section 23-4-20, Code of Alabama 1975, the Coffee County Commission shall hold a public hearing on December 13, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the Coffee County Complex Community Room, New Brockton, Alabama concerning the proposed road vacation during the regularly scheduled Commission Meeting. The Commission is scheduled to address the proposed road vacation following the conclusion of the public hearing. The proposed public road to be vacated is described as follows:

The portion to be vacated will begin at a point 1,920 feet from the intersection of said County Road 411 and Alabama Highway 189. This 1,920 feet is measured along the centerline of said County Road 411 beginning at the center of Alabama Highway 189. Thence continue south along said County Road 411 760 feet to the point where county maintenance currently ends located in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 36, T-5-N, R-19-E.

Any citizen alleging to be affected by the proposed vacation may file written objection or request to be heard at the public hearing. Written objections may be mailed, or hand delivered to The Coffee County Commission, #2 County Complex, New Brockton, AL 36351. Please contact the Coffee County Commission at (334) 894-5556 if you desire to be heard at the public hearing.

11/18,25,12/2&9-chg.

HELP WANTED

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
Coffee County Highway Department
Laborer

Job Description: Provide general labor and support for road maintenance and repair and other various duties. No Experience Required. Qualifications: Valid Driver's License, must be physically fit to handle various flag-man tasks and other duties. Requires standing for long periods. Fringe Benefits: Paid vacation, sick leave, health insurance, holidays, and State retirement. Salary Range: Starting Salary is \$10.50 per hour. Closing Date: Until position is filled

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HELP WANTED

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NOTICE:
 The Elba Clipper office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25, for Thanksgiving.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson has big plans for the Thanksgiving break and told me they don't even include eating turkey. I'm not sure just what he has on his schedule, but he is going to allow me and his Nanny to drag along. I just hope we aren't dragging too much by the end of the week!

For what it is worth....

*** Longtime Elba High football coach Mack Wood always said to win a state championship a team must find a way to win one night in the playoffs when things aren't going right a long way from home. The Brantley Bulldogs did just that last week on a chilly and damp night in west Alabama as they battled past Keith 20-14 to advance to this week's semifinal round. Brantley's fans were thinking their team would roll in the third round match-up since they pounded the same team by 42 points last season, but the Bulldogs had to fight for all four quarters and proved once again they take each game one at a time. Brantley has proven all season long it has the right combination of offense and defense to challenge any opponent, and that formula may be just what the doctor ordered as they make a return trip to the semifinals!

*** It was an interesting week in the third round of the playoffs with more than one upset taking place. In Class 7A, the final between Thompson and Central Phenix City is one everyone has seen coming for weeks, and will find two-time defending state champion Thompson going up against a Red Devil team that has outscored its victims 564-175. In Class 6A, high-scoring Clay-Chalkville outscored Gardendale 50-44, while Hueytown, which has scored 698 points this season, clobbered Opelika 46-10. In Class 5A, Pike Road, which has outscored its opponents 566-128, spanked Faith Academy 42-0, and Andalusia posted its third impressive playoff win with a heart-stopping 20-14 win over UMS-Wright. In Class 4A, Vigor picked up its 12th win of the season with a 26-10 victory over American Christian, while Jackson posted its ninth straight win after a 2-2 start with a 24-23 win over defending state champ Handley. In Class 3A, Catholic rolled past Hillcrest Evergreen 41-6 and has now outscored its victims 629-33, while Saks posted its tenth straight win with a 14-7 upset over state-power Fyffe. In Class 2A, Highland Home kept on rolling after a 2-5 start with a stunning 15-14 win over top-ranked Lanett, while Clarke County, which struggled to a 2-8 record just two years ago, fought past B.B. Comer 14-7. In Class 1A, Pickens County, which has averaged 50 points a game in the post-season, outscored Decatur Heritage 60-46, Woodland ended its season with a 5-8 record after a 27-0 loss to Wadley, and Sweet Water has now outscored its playoff opponents 144-14 after posting a big 41-7 win over Maplesville.

*** Don't look now, but the high school basketball season has already tipped off and it looks like fans have an exciting season ahead. In a quick preview of area teams.... ** The Elba Tigers will be short, but extremely quick as they look to bounce back from two straight losing seasons, while the Lady Tigers, only two years removed from a trip to the Final Four, will field maybe their youngest team ever as their roster includes one senior, no juniors and eight eighth-graders. ** The New Brockton Gamecocks took a giant step forward last season and will field a team loaded with experience, while the Lady Gamecocks hope to put an end to a long dry spell and appear to have a team that can steal some wins. ** The Zion Chapel Rebels are no longer a team to beat, and have already posted three wins in early-season action, while the Lady Rebels hope to begin the rebuild of a winning program, but have averaged only 17 points a game in three early-season losses. ** The Kinston Bulldogs will have their third different head coach in three years, but do have plenty of experience and should be solid as the season progresses, while the Lady Bulldogs have enjoyed recent success and will look to keep it going after a win in their season opener. ** The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to bounce back after a season derailed by Covid and appear to be loaded, while the Lady Bulldogs look to bounce back from a rare losing season with a very young team that includes one senior and no juniors on the roster.

*** Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by over the weekend and was still shaking his head over the post-season success of Highland Home. The local guesspert declared the Squadron was what high school football was really all about as the team bounced back from a 2-5 start to move into the semifinals. I agree it is a great story, and there will be even more stories to write about this week as teams fight for a berth in the Super Seven. After posting a 7-2 slate last week, here is this week's fearless forecast....

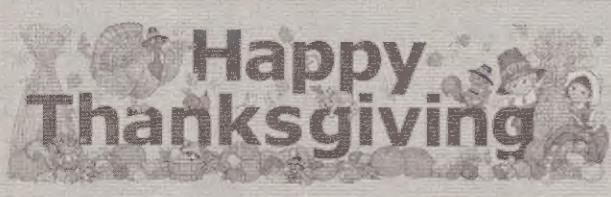
BRANTLEY VS. SWEET WATER

The bulldogs from up past the creek will be back at the pound this week and won't have to drink any of that so-called sweet water that they serve down in the lower part of the state. While the dogs will have their hands full, they have developed into a complete team with no weaknesses and will show off for the home folks on Friday night.

BRANTLEY 34 SWEET WATER 32

OTHER PICKS:

Pike Road 31 Andalusia 21
Hueytown 42 Hillcrest Tuscaloosa 28
Vigor 22 Jackson 20
Montgomery Catholic 31 Montgomery Academy 10
Clarke County 14 Highland Home 13



Elba Lady Tiger Ny'Asia McCollough (15) scored 17 points in last week's exciting 31-29 win over New Brockton.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



Elba Tiger Jaden Baker (22) looks to make a pass to a teammate in recent middle school basketball action.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Elba wraps up middle school season Elba swept by Bulldogs

The Elba Tigers and Lady Tigers traveled to Brantley last Monday afternoon in junior high basketball action and came home with two losses.

Elba fell behind early and never recovered in a 30-19 loss to the Bulldogs. The Tigers trailed 8-2 after one quarter and trailed 16-8 at the half as they took the road loss. Cassidy Carpenter scored 8 points to lead Elba, while also scoring were Jay Wilson 4, Johnathan Edwards 4 and Jaden Baker 3. Micah Owens scored 14 points and Andre Wright added 8 to lead Brantley.

Elba saw a third quarter lead vanish in a 44-30 loss to the Lady Bulldogs. The Lady Tigers led 22-1 at the half and carried a 24-19 lead into the final quarter, but fell victim to a furious Lady Bulldogs ally. Makayla Moore scored 14 points to lead the Lady Tigers, while also scoring were Brittany Williams 8, Ny'Asia McCollough 6 and Casey Williams 2. Dixon scored 24 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs.

Elba splits with 'Brockton

The Elba Tigers and Lady Tiger closed out the middle school basketball season last week with home games against the New Brockton Gamecocks.

The Tigers fell behind in the second quarter and never caught up in a 31-21 loss. Elba was tied at 6-6 after one quarter, but fell behind 16-9 at the half and watched as the Gamecocks pulled away late to take home the win. Cassidy Carpenter scored 8 points to lead the Tigers, while Johnathan Edwards scored 6, Jay Wilson 5 and Easton McKelvey 2. Anthony Silar scored 17 points to lead New Brockton.

The Lady Tigers wrapped up a winning season with an exciting 31-29 win over New Brockton. Elba trailed 15-9 at the half, but rallied to carry a 22-21 lead into the final stanza and claimed the win when Makayla Moore hit a buzzer-beater from just inside the arc. Ny'Asia McCollough scored 17 points to lead Elba, while Keelie Moseley added 6 points, and Brittany Williams and Makayla Moore both scored 4. Reese Eddins scored 8 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Jenna Kate Weeks and Gabby Eubanks scored 6 points, apiece.



ALL EYES ON THE BALL.... Brantley Lady Bulldog Anna Claire Free (21), the Brantley cheerleaders and a Lady Bulldog fan all watch the ball as it heads to the basket.

(Photo by Cody Nichols)

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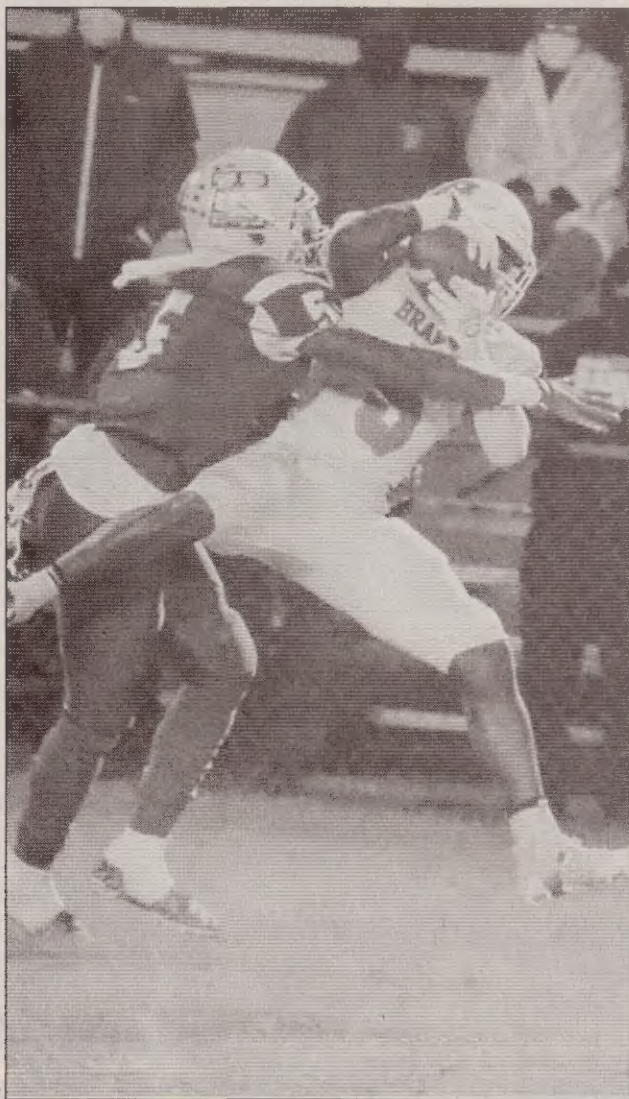
SPORTS NEWS



Brantley Bulldog cheerleaders made the long trip to Orrville and helped keep the Bulldog fans fired up as they cheered the team on to victory in second round playoff action with a 20-14 win over Keith.



Brantley Bulldog head football coach Roland Jones gets his teams attention in last week's 20-14 playoff win over Keith. The Bulldogs will host Sweet Water Friday night with a trip to the Super Seven on the line.



Brantley Bulldog Daquan Pittman (5) pulls in a pass for a Bulldog touchdown in last week's 20-14 third round win over Keith. Pittman had 5 catches for 90 yards in the big win.

SURVIVE AND ADVANCE!

*From combined reports
Photos by Cody Nichols*

The Brantley Bulldogs cashed in a fourth quarter turnover to regain the lead and turned back a last-second Keith scoring threat to defeat the Bears 20-14, Friday night in the third round of the Class 1A football playoffs, at Orrville.

Keith jumped on top 6-0 in the first quarter when Terrell Lumpkin and Javon Richardson hooked up on a 90-yard scoring pass, but Brantley kept the Bears out of the endzone for the remainder of the half and grabbed an 8-6 halftime lead on a 35-yard touchdown toss from Tucker Kilcrease to Daquan Pittman and a two-point conversion.

Kilcrease added a 3-yard scoring run in the third quarter to push the Bulldogs lead to 14-6, but Keith never quit battling and pulled even at 14-14 midway through the fourth quarter when Lumpkin bulled over from one-yard out, and Jamal Jones passed to Jeffery Cochran for the two-point conversion.

Brantley recovered a Bears bobble at the Keith 18-yardline late in the fourth quarter and cashed in the turnover with 1:20 left on the clock on a 3-yard run by Kedrick Brown to regain the lead at 20-14, and while the Bears reached the Brantley 25-yardline in the game's closing seconds, the Bulldog defense turned back the threat with a fourth down stop to preserve the hard fought road win.

Tucker Kilcrease completed 13 of 17 passes for 190 yards and one touchdown and also rushed for one touchdown to spark the Brantley offense, while Kedrick Brown rushed for 90 yards and one td and also led the defense with nine tackles. Daquan Pittman caught 5 passes for 90 yards and one td.

Top-ranked (12-0) Brantley will host second-ranked (12-0) Sweet Water on Friday night at David Lowery Stadium in semifinal action.



Brantley Bulldog Tucker Kilcrease (12) waits in the pocket for a receiver to get open. Kilcrease completed 13 of 17 passes for 190 yards and a score and rushed for a td in last week's win.

State title berths on the line in semifinal playoff action

Two defending state champions and four undefeated teams survived the third round of the 56th AHSAA State Football Playoffs as 24 teams move into the semifinals in Classes 1A through 6A this week.

The Class 7A semifinals concluded Friday night with two-time defending Class 7A state champion Thompson (12-1) downing Hoover 35-10 to clinch the North berth in the Super 7 Class 7A championship game set for Wednesday, Dec. 1 at Birmingham's Protective Stadium. Central-Phenix City (13-0) beat Auburn 28-17 in the other 7A semifinal Friday night to claim the South berth in the 7A finals opposite the Warriors. It will be the Red Devils' third appearance in the last four years in the big-school title game.

The other classes will settle the other six championship games set for the Super 7 Dec. 1-3 on Friday, Nov. 26.

The third round started with nine undefeated teams in the hunt but only four survived – including Class 6A Clay-Chalkville (13-0), which beat Gardendale 50-44 in overtime.

Other unbeaten teams advancing from the third round are Class 1A Brantley (12-0) and Sweet Water (12-0) in Class 1A; Pike Road (12-0) in Class 5A; and Central-Phenix City (13-0), which sealed its spot in the 7A finals. Ironically, Sweet Water travels to Brantley in the Class 1A South semifinals this week.

This week, teams from the same region will meet in four semifinals while Auburn and Central-Phenix City (Region 2), Thompson and Hoover (Region 3) met from the same region Friday. In Class 6A, Region 4 rivals Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa (11-2) and Hueytown (12-1) met for the second time this season. Other region rematches include Andalusia (9-4) at Pike Road (11-0) from Class 5A, Region 2; Jackson (11-2) vs. Vigor (12-1) from Class 4A, Region 1; and Piedmont (11-2) at Saks (12-1) from

Class 3A, Region 5. It will be the sixth time in seven seasons that two teams from that 3A region have met in the semifinals.

All 12 semifinals games are expected to be live-streamed over the NFHS Network's School Broadcast Platform this week, and 11 of the 12 games will be carried live over a radio or internet live-audio affiliate.

The Class 1A-6A semifinal playoff pairings are below:

AHSAA 2021 FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS Semifinal Pairings Friday, Nov. 26

CLASS 1A
SOUTH
Sweet Water (12-0) at Brantley (12-0)
NORTH
Wadley (12-1) at Pickens County (11-2), **Reform**

CLASS 2A
SOUTH
Highland Home (8-5) at Clarke County (11-2), **Grove Hill**
NORTH
Mars Hill Bible (10-3) at Cleveland (11-2)

CLASS 3A
SOUTH
Montgomery Academy (10-3) at Montgomery Catholic (13-0)
NORTH
Piedmont (11-2) at Saks (12-1), **Anniston**

CLASS 4A
SOUTH
Jackson (11-2) at Vigor (12-1), **Blount HS Stadium, Prichard**
NORTH
Oneonta (12-1) at Madison Academy (12-1)

CLASS 5A
SOUTH
Andalusia (9-4) at Pike Road (12-0)
NORTH
Fairview (12-1) at Pleasant Grove (12-1)

CLASS 6A
SOUTH
Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa (11-2) at Hueytown (12-1)
NORTH
Clay-Chalkville (13-0) at Mountain Brook (12-1)
Hewitt-Trussville (10-0) vs. Smiths Station (10-2), 3 p.m.

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Brantley to host Sweet Water in battle of 1A unbeatens

Two of the state's all-time winningest Class 1A high school football programs will be on display Friday night at Brantley's David Lowery Stadium when the (12-0) top-ranked Brantley Bulldogs host the (12-0) second-ranked Sweet Water Bulldogs, in the semifinals of the 1A state playoffs.

The meeting will be the 11th all-time between the prep powers, with Sweet Water boasting a 9-1 record. Brantley's lone win was back in 2005, with Sweet Water winning the last meeting 38-35 in 2019.

Brantley, which has won four state championships and 32 region titles, has rolled up 591 wins in its rich football history. This season the Bulldogs have outscored their opponents 478-118, and in three playoff games have outscored their opponents 127-35. The Bulldogs are 77-36 all-time in playoff action and have an 8-4 record in semifinal contests.

Sweet Water, which has won ten state championships and 27 region titles, has posted 574 wins in its rich football history. This season the Bulldogs have outscored their opponents 530-84, and in three playoff games have outscored their opponents 144-14. The Bulldogs own an 87-31 all-time playoff record and are 12-6 in semifinal contests.

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SPORTS

Elba Youth Football/Cheer complete 2021 season



ELBA MINI MITE FOOTBALL...The 2021 Elba Mini Mite Tigers had a successful regular season and advanced to the playoffs for the Pea River Youth Football league. Team members were: Jacks Bane (12), Kip Brunson (13), Kylan I'Zarih Carpenter (4), La'Darius Avont Cole (23), Isaiah K Cole (36), Colton Aksel Lane Dye (7), Collen Dewayne Faulk (40), Ayden Da'Quan Foster (2), Matthew Dalton Free (32), Dakota Cade Gilbert (18), Ayedin Wolf Blain Golden (31), Dustin Hawk Lee Golden (28), AJ Harrelson (3), Antonio Tyrone Hill (9), Kiesyn Matt Jacobs (17), Cora Bancroft Mauldin (29), D'anthony Carter Mitchell (20), Jacen Da Shawn Mitchell (8), Brodie Lane Parks (6), Christain A'mier Phillips (38), Jace Poole (16), and Braylen Jamal Walker (1). Coaches were Gavin Mauldin, Logan Davis, Jason Mitchell, Chris Poole, and Jason Free.



ELBA MINI MITE CHEERLEADERS...The 2021 Elba Mini Mite cheerleaders enjoyed cheering for the Tigers this season. The cheerleaders were: Raelynn Davis, Aspyr Hataway, Perry Kate McCord, Parrish Grantham, Kentana Thomas, Bella Bane, Eva Marie Bowers, Madalynn Foster, Chancelyn Goosby, Olivia Grantham, Alana Adaway, Mayris Poling, Ja'Riyan Blackmond, Cassia Villella, Genesis Johnson, Mariah Hines, Kaitlyn Kennedy, and Nevaeh Burks. Coaches were: DeAnn Grantham, Sally Bane, Kim Bowers, and Shannon Grantham.



ELBA TERMITE FOOTBALL...The 2021 Elba Termite Tigers had a successful regular season and advanced to the playoffs for the Pea River Youth Football league. Team members were: Cole Astemborski (21), Brayson Coppage (60), Javien LaRay Crawford (58), Mason Levi Danford (17), Declan Wyatt Fitts (31), Cooper Holley (8), Jacques O'Brian Hill Jr. (20), Christian Levi Johnson (11), Markell Antonio Johnson (95), Za'Merian Michael Johnson (56), Kimorion Kyreese Lane (14), Kaleb I'Ziah Magwood (6), Jeremiah Rhakeem Melton (10), Stryker Clayton McCord (15), Nicholas Nathaniel Parker (13), Mason Alan Reeves (44), Justin Zane Scarbrough (45), Andrew Jordan Wisecup (7), and Jayse Williams (25). Coaches were Will Love, Andy Astemborski, Heath Danford, Josh Caldwell, Clearance Lane, and Chanler Coppage.



ELBA TERMITE CHEERLEADERS...The 2021 Elba Termite cheerleaders enjoyed cheering for the Tigers this season. The cheerleaders were: Laysee Golden, Laycee Cheroh, La'Niyah Lockett, Briella Golden, Kermari Magwood, Soniyah McGhee, Jaela Ellis, Ashlyn Chapman, Kylie Lott, Lily Poling, Eden Stuart, Anabelle Pickron, Cate Capps, Marley Brown, Lille Grace Hudson, and Kalinda Chism. Coaches were: Doritha Crawford, Katti Golden, Diane Boswell, and Sarah Poe.



ELBA PEEWEE FOOTBALL...The 2021 Elba PeeWee Tigers represented Elba well competing in the Pea River Youth Football league this season. Team members were: Powell Bane (24), Cody Lance Bludworth (53), Brison Keith Burks (45), Knowledge Haiah Burks (14), Caiden Lane Cosson (89), Anothony Tyrone Edwards (32), LaQuatos DeRaphael Edwards (28), Jayden Bryson Gilbert (13), Dylan Holley (99), Kanyr Price Jacobs (68), Lewis Vernon Johnson Jr. (80), Matthew Edward Laramore (94), Connor Ray Massey (11), Levi Martin (6), and Ky'Avian Ty'kee Stoudemire (19). Coaches were Bradley Bane, Greg Martin, and Jason Holley.



ELBA PEEWEE CHEERLEADERS...The 2021 Elba PeeWee cheerleaders enjoyed cheering for the Tigers this season. The cheerleaders were: Kayeanna Golden, Jaicey Bailey, McKenna Jackson, Jabria Burks, Arianna Shivers, Ava Wisecup, Kymora Thomas, Kendel Sanders, Priincess Wood, Camille Carpenter, Piper Astemborski, and Aubriana Culver. Coaches were: Brittani Wisecup, Brittany Clark, Tofi Culver, and Kristy Astemborski.

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Zion Chapel Rebel News



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Zion Chapel Alumni Spotlight

by Jordan Saunders,
11th grade student

Zion Chapel has always been much more than a school. To many, it is a home, a place where they know they will feel supported and encouraged. An interview with Lee Boutwell, a 2004 Zion Chapel graduate, further explains just how much impact Zion Chapel can have on a person.

Boutwell is the current middle school science teacher, and he remembers meeting friends every morning at the Zion Chapel Store to enjoy breakfast before starting the school day. This type of close knit community is still present today.

Having lived in Jack his whole life and returning to the school where he was once a student, Boutwell was asked what it was like to have his former teachers now be his colleagues.

"It is different, but you



Lee Boutwell

get used to it," he said.

As for why he became a teacher, he replied, "I always had great admiration for my teachers, and it makes me feel as though I have done something meaningful. I can always look back and say I have done something of importance."

Many wish to make a difference in the lives of others, and Lee Boutwell is a prime example of how Zion Chapel molds the leaders of tomorrow.

ZC queens stay busy representing community

by Emma Killingsworth,
11th grade student

The Zion Chapel Queens have been busy for the past year representing the community. Reigning queens are; Hannah Arnold (Miss ZC), Allie Bunt (Little Miss ZC), Faith Adcock (Teen Miss ZC), Ashley McKenzie (Jr. Miss ZC), Annsey Taylor (Pre-teen Miss ZC), Sophie Prescott (Petite Miss ZC), and Paisley Allen (Future Little Miss ZC).

The events they have attended this year include riding in the parade at the Festival at the Well in Glenwood, Ala., assisting in the crowning of the Jack Day Pageant as well as participating in Jack Day. They rode in the Zion Chapel Homecoming Parade as well as the Peanut Butter Parade in Brundidge, Ala.

On Saturday, Nov. 13, the queens participated in the National Peanut Festival Parade in Dothan, Ala.

The girls gain confidence through their titles and love setting positive examples for other young ladies. Being a Zion Chapel Queen is truly a worthwhile experience for all the girls involved.



The reigning Miss Zion Chapel Queens

Basketball season underway for Rebels

by Dayne Bannin and Cole McDaniel,
12th grade students

The basketball season is underway at Zion Chapel.

Coach Joshua O'Neal is beginning his third year of coaching at ZC and his second year as a head coach.

Coach O'Neal was interviewed about his expectations for the upcoming basketball season.

Due to last year's struggles with COVID-19, the Rebels missed nearly all of the first half of the season, and it was a real hit to the team. Coach O'Neal was asked his opinion on how getting quarantined last year affected the season. He said the biggest effect was having next to no practice and then having to come back and immediately play area games on less than two days of practice.

When asked about his initiative for this season, he said, "The primary goal for this season is to compete in our area and compete for an area championship. We set that standard two seasons ago, and we want to continue to push for that goal."

O'Neal believes the biggest change for him from last season to this season is consistency.



"We have a large senior group of eight athletes and we have high expectations," he said.

O'Neal believes those seniors' expectations are in line with the coaches' expectations as well.

Lastly, when questioned about the new gym, it was evident Coach O'Neal is definitely excited about it. He also mentioned he is extremely grateful for the excellent leadership the superintendent gives along with the rest of the school administration.

Coach O'Neal further acknowledged the strong support of the student body. He said he is excited to create some great new experiences and moments in this upcoming season and many more to come.



ZC Seniors celebrating Alabama College Application Week

Fall season proves busy for Zion Chapel students

by Elijah Barker,
10th grade student

As winter approaches at ZC, it allows all to reflect on the school year so far. From the humid and sunny heat of August to the crisp, cool air of November, Zion Chapel hosted several events and activities throughout the fall part of the school year, and October was a busy month.

Students received their first report card of the semester which allowed them to improve their grades and increase their GPAs. The PTO also hosted the annual Fall Festival where many high school students gained community service hours by supervising games and activities for the younger students.

There was a costume contest and also the announcement of the Harvest King and Queen, Austin Lee in kindergarten and Raelynn Johnson in third grade.

Additionally, the Rebels had an eventful football season and finished with an astonishing game against Pleasant Home winning 39 to 24.

During the last week of October, the school participated in "Red Ribbon Week" where students and faculty were encouraged to avoid drugs and alcohol. To celebrate making good



Raelynn Johnson & Austin Lee, Harvest Queen & King

choices, the cheerleaders and football players shared popsicles with the elementary school students to act as role models for the children. After all, making healthy life choices is "cool!"

Lastly, Zion Chapel seniors participated in the statewide Alabama College Application Week. ZC's participation was spearheaded by Angie Davis, counselor, and Mandi McPhaul, career coach.

Seniors spent the week meeting with local colleges, submitting college applications, taking career interest inventories, and planning

for the fast approaching future that awaits them.

As November settled in, the students and faculty looked forward to the approaching holidays, basketball season, and finishing the first semester strong. There is always something happening at ZC!



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ZC football players sharing popsicles with elementary schoolers to celebrate Red Ribbon Week

ZC Band gets all superior ratings for marching season

by Adalyn Breana Sanders,
9th grade student

This past marching/football season, the Zion Chapel Marching Rebels attended two band competitions and attained all superior scorings.

The first competition at Rehoboth took place on September 23rd. The band had much fun arriving and watching the other bands perform before they took the field with pride. After marching the show, they enjoyed themselves as the day grew dark and the last band performed.

They were very pleased when they were called to attention to hear their scores being called out so everyone could hear.

The second competition, Elba's Pea River Marching Band competition, took place on October 23rd, and it turned out just as pleasing. The performance and day was a tad bittersweet as it was the last competition for some, but as they suited up and once again took the field, everything felt serene. After marching off the field, the band enjoyed the food, drink, ice cream and band merchandise before

University of Mobile's Ram Corp took to the field to perform what could be called the competition's half time show.

After Ram Corp performed, many of the band kids were able to talk to the performers before once again being called to attention to hear the perfect scoring of all superior. After hearing their scores, the bands went down to the field and celebrated, taking pictures and chatting before

they embarked for the ride home.

The band then assembled to do the pride cheer for the last competition of the season, and for some, their last marching band competition ever.

The season closed on a very positive note. The Zion Chapel Marching Rebel Band worked hard to achieve their ratings and are and plan on pushing even farther in the upcoming seasons.

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The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has authorized Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna's COVID-19 boosters for all fully vaccinated U.S. adults, ages 18 and up. This follows emergency use authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for all fully vaccinated American adults.

Adults initially vaccinated with the Johnson & Johnson vaccine are eligible for a booster dose two months after their first shot. Adults who received Pfizer and Moderna's booster shots are eligible for boosters at least six months after the completion of the initial two-dose vaccination series.

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) follows ACIP and CDC guidance regarding vaccination recommendation updates. Children ages 5 through 11 are eligible for vaccination, under Emergency Use Authorization, with Pfizer vaccine, the only COVID-19 vaccine currently authorized for children. The pediatric dose for Pfizer is a smaller dose given as a two-dose series, three weeks apart.

Children, ages 12 and above can be vaccinated under EUA with the Pfizer product as well as the standard adult dose. Pfizer vaccine has full FDA approval for individuals ages 16 and older.

The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are EUA authorized for indi-

viduals ages 18 and older. Most hospitalizations and deaths due to COVID-19 in Alabama are among unvaccinated people. The best way to protect everyone is to be vaccinated, including people who have been infected with COVID-19 before.

For individuals 5 through 17 years of age, please check [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) or contact the provider to see if the Pfizer vaccine is offered before scheduling your appointment. All county health departments offer COVID-19 vaccine, but some locations do not have all three brands of vaccine available. All county health departments will offer the age-eligible vaccine products for free to ages 5 and older. Contact your county health department for availability.



90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION! The members of Newbia Baptist Church honored Agnes Grantham (right) with a 90th Birthday Celebration in the church fellowship hall Sunday, Nov. 14, and a large crowd of family and friends attended. The birthday girl is pictured above with the grandchildren, Neil Grantham and Reese Grantham, and her great-granddaughter, Parrish Grantham. Reports were that a great time was had by all, especially Mrs. Agnes!

Shiloh Kennels of Elba

hosts 9th Annual Veterans Appreciation Pheasant Hunt

Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021



Event is a way to say "thank you" to veterans

The Shiloh Kennels and Shooting Preserve, located at 13822 Highway 84, Elba, hosted its 9th annual Veterans Appreciation Pheasant Shoot on Saturday, Nov. 13, and a large crowd was in attendance for this growing event honoring all veterans.

A special emphasis is placed on this Veterans appreciation shoot by making it open to wounded warriors giving them a chance to enjoy the sport in a controlled, safe environment. It is organized each year by Don and Clint Bradshaw and their family.

The goal of the event is to raise monies with the Veterans appreciation hunt to support local veterans and fund the event. The event included a steak lunch for all participants followed by the pheasant hunt. It is provided to the veteran participants at no charge.

Sponsors paired with veterans to form teams for the hunt while their family members were able to observe the hunt from a designated viewing area.



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